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Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether the allegations made by my hon. Friend Mr. Adinarayana Chettiyar have any foundation and if so, whether they would be pleased to make the necessary enquiry and take necessary action ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I said I would call for the information."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" And consult the convenience of the ryots also ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I suppose that is the main consideration."

Irrigation

Supply of water to fields in the villages of Gollapudi, etc., by the Pumping scheme.

* 457 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given permission to the ryots of the villages of Gollapudi, Guntupalli, etc., to irrigate lands by pumping the water of the Kistna at Thummalapalem near Ibharampatnam, Bezwada taluk ;

(b) whether the ryots being unable to collect the necessary funds among themselves for constructing a pumping scheme have requested the Government to construct the pumping scheme and give water to their fields ;

(c) how much water-rate they have offered to pay and how much towards the cost of the construction of the scheme ; and

(d) whether the Government propose to undertake the scheme ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) They have offered to pay a water-rate of Re. 1–4–0 per acre and a sum of Rs. 30 per acre on the area to be benefited, towards the cost of the scheme.

(d) The Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer, and will consider the matter on receipt of his reply.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the ryots have offered to pay Rs. 12 per acre ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The information given in the question is what the Government has. I will make enquiries regarding what the hon. Member has said."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if the report of the Chief Engineer will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That would be considered certainly when the report is received."